

Notes on Contributors

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Joy Moncrieffe is a Political Sociologist who is currently working on themes of citizenship, labelling and power, particularly among children growing up in violent contexts in Jamaica, Haiti and Uganda. Other research interests and subjects for previous publications include democratisation and accountability; ethnicity, race and development; and poverty and inequality. Joy has considerable research experience in Africa and the Caribbean. She is now co-editing a book with Rosalind Eyben, *The Power of Labelling: How and Why our Categories Matter*, which will be published by Earthscan in February 2007.

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